# Gravel Bin 138 North Umpqua Trail Silk's Hole

## Segment 2 Length: 7 River Mile

### Horseshoe

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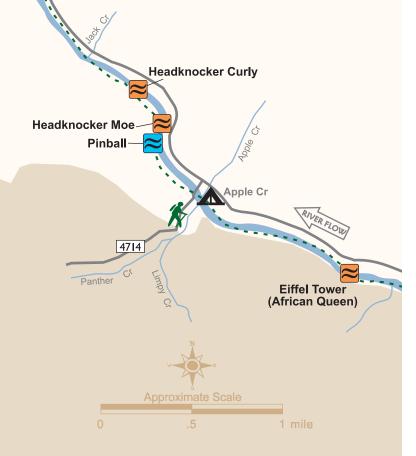
For whitewater exhilaration, this is the segment for adventurers. This segment offers the best whitewater experience on the river. There's never a dull moment with the Class IV Pinball rapid and eight Class III rapids. This segment has an average vertical drop of more than 30 feet per river mile.

Horseshoe Bend launch site is located at the beginning of this segment, and Gravel Bin launch site is at the end. Parking for whitewater boaters is limited at Horseshoe, so plan ahead to shuttle to your selected take-out site.



2002 Apple Fire

Effects of the 17,000 acre Apple Fire can be seen along the southern river bank from Horseshoe Bend to Apple Creek.



#### Bend to Gravel Bin



#### Segment 2 Rapids - Class III and Above

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Rapid	Backpaddlers Guide Suggested Approach
Toilet Bowl	Right side of river as you pass small rocky island. Line up with river center and maneuver left of large rock off right bank.
<b>≅</b> Frogger I	River right, follow flow as it bends to left.
≅Frogger III	Straight down "V" in river center.
<b>≅</b> Rollout	Right center. Pass to left of large solitary rock. Continue down current avoiding large pour- over at bottom in river center.
African Queen (Eiffle Tower)	River right, passing left of large solitary rock. Follow main flow as it bends to left, keep boat straight as you drop into big hole.
<b>≥</b> Pinball	River left, past the house-sized rock. Quickly move to river right and cut back left between two rocks and exit down river center. Scouting can be done from left bank after island. Caution: before approaching Pinball, you encounter Cliff Drop (Alligator), a 30° angled wave halfway down the entrance to Pinball that can flip unsuspecting boaters. New floaters should scout this rapid.
Headknocker Moe	River right center down a 5' drop.
Headknocker Curly	River right and follow flow as it bends to left bank. Drop down narrow chute.
≊Silk's Hole	Right center, drop down center "V".

Classifications, names of segment rapids and suggested approaches are adapted with permission from the *Backpaddlers Guide to the North Umpqua River*, by Ralph Corliss and Richard Chase, Walk on Water Publishing, Glide, Oregon.

